Criteria for Covering of Areas under DPAP and DDP

1518. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAND RAKANT BHANDARE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the existing criteria for identifying areas to be covered under Drought Prone Area Programme and Desert Development programme ;

(b) whether Government propose to change the criteria ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) the areas covered under the DPAP and the DDP ; and

(e) the targets set and achievements made under DPAP and DDP during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) :

(a) The existing criteria are as under :

Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP)

The areas having annual rainfall and irrigated area within the following limits are eligible for inclusion under DPAP.

Annual rainfall	% of irrigated area to the net sown area
(i) Below 750 mm. (ii) 750—1125 mm. (iii) Above 1125 mm. but below 1650 mm.	Below 20% Below 15% Below 10%

Administrative factor : The number of blocks covered in a district should be more than 20% of the total blocks in the district, but this does not apply to blocks covered during he Sixth Plan period.

Desert Development Programme (DDP)

Areas having annual rainfall less than 400 mm. and percentage of irrigated area to the net sown area less than 30% are eligible for inclusion under DDP. However, jn the case of cold desert areas this ceiteria is not applied mechanically as the rainfall in such areas is mostly during non-agricultural season.

(b) and (c) A Technical Committee on DPAP and DDP under the Chairmanshi of Professor C.H. Hanumantha Rao, Ex Member Planning Commission is presently reviewing all aspects of the programme including criteria for inclusion and excl. usion of the areas from the programmes-The question of changing the existing criteria will be considered after reconmendat-ions of the Committee are received.

(d) Statewise names of districts and blocks covered under DPAP and DDP is given in Annexure *(See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 37).

(e) Targets and achievements during the last three years are given in Annexure *[See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 38].

Modification of JRY

1519. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any State-wise assessment has been made of the Jawahar Rojgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the scheme needs modifications ?

THE MINISTER OF STATEIN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOP. MENT) RAMESHWAR THA'KUR : (a) and (b) The Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) is an on-going wage-employment scheme and it is being reviewed regularly by the Centre and the State Governments. The review of the programme is done through monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports received from the State Governments. Besides, officers at the Centre, State Head-quarters quarters and districts, sub-division and block level closely monitor all aspects of the programme through visits to worksites. The State Level Co-ordination Committee for Rural Development also monitors the progress of implementation of JRY along with other schemes. A representative of the Ministry of Rural Development is invited to participate in the meetings of this Committee. The Government of India also convenes meetings of the State Secretaries and the Project Directors of District Rural Development Agencies/Zilla Parishads to review the programme with a